

# Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan Oversight Committee + Sustainability Task Force Meeting Summary



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Hillsboro Civic Center, Room 113B/C

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*Attendees: Linda Everett, Michael Brown, Deepak Vijay, Sandra Fowler-Hill, Tova Broadbend, Jim Peterson, Heidi Burkart, Anthony Roy, Peter Brandom, Chris Hartye, Heather Robinson, Mary Moerlins, Ted Vacek, Jeff Pazdalski, Steve Callaway, Deanna Palm, Bryan Welsh, Kyle Allen, Bruce Roll, Jeff Van Raden, Mac Martin, Gregg Snyder, Pattie Russell, Tacy Steel, Hannah Fuller, Katherine Galian, Carol Brown, Caitlyn Horsley, Willy Paul, Jorjia Fields, James Gleason, Carly Riter, Beth Graser, Jason Robertson, Dacia Bakkum*

## Welcome

Ted Vacek welcomed the group including new 2035 Oversight Committee members, Hannah Fuller and Councilor Kyle Allen, followed by group introductions and a brief overview of the Vision Plan from newly elected Mayor, Steve Callaway. Carol Brown also introduced Caitlyn Horsley, who will be replacing her as the PGE representative on the Sustainability Task Force.

Ted spoke briefly about the five focus areas in the 2035 Plan, noting that Environmental Sustainability is both the “fifth focus area” in the Vision and a stand-alone plan with its own oversight structure. Ted noted this was due to the growing importance of sustainability as a community value. He said this was the first joint meeting of the Hillsboro 2035 Oversight Committee and Sustainability Task Force, but likely to be repeated annually to ensure alignment and foster networking.

## Environmental Sustainability Plan

Heather Robinson, Hillsboro Sustainability Task Force Chair and Peter Brandom, City Sustainability Manager, provided an overview of the [Environmental Sustainability Plan](#) (ESP) and the role of the Hillsboro Sustainability Task Force. Of special note was recognition of the ESP at the US Conference of Mayors and the [Year One Progress Report](#).

Of the 20 indicators in the ESP, 13 show positive progress with the remainder falling in the neutral/no-change category. Some of the projects to date include energy improvements at the Shute Park Aquatic and Recreation Center, the North Hillsboro Link – last mile transit for local employees, landowner education and incentives around watershed restoration, Tree for All Campaign, Washington County Green Business Award Program and a neighborhood solid waste collection event.

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## Feature Presentation: South Hillsboro

Gregg Snyder, Transportation Planning Supervisor with the City of Hillsboro, provided an overview of the [South Hillsboro Community Plan](#). The vision for South Hillsboro is Complete, Connected and Green. Complete: a community with a full spectrum of facilities and services including housing, health, education, shopping and recreation; Connected: multi-modal access with connected neighborhoods, access to parks, trails, open space, shopping and family services; Green: open spaces integrated with neighborhoods, state-of-the-art green development practices and preservation of existing natural resources and wildlife

corridors. South Hillsboro encompasses 1,400 acres and will eventually be home to nearly 20,000 people. It will include 286 acres of open space and parks and 15 miles of trails.

Committee members commented that the South Hillsboro initiative was both a desired outcome of the visioning effort, and a microcosm of the various focus areas. The commitment to open spaces, diverse housing choices and dynamic mobility reflect input gathered during the 2020 and 2035 engagement efforts.

### **OC/HSTF Questions**

Q: Is “affordable housing” is part of the plans for South Hillsboro, and how can we incentivize it?

A: While an array of housing is provided for in the South Hillsboro plan, the level of planned affordable housing will be dependent on a variety of factors including feasibility. The City is currently working with landowners and developers to establish a Local Improvement District to finance requisite transportation improvements. Additional housing discussions will follow.

Q: A Committee member encouraged groups to advocate for transit connection to South Hillsboro, and asked whether connection plans were already in the works.

A: Transit agencies are reluctant to invest in infrastructure prior to homes and businesses being built and occupied. However, now is the time to begin advocating and identifying potential locations.

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### **Partner Spotlight: Earth Advantage**

Anthony Roy shared information about [Earth Advantage](#) (EA), a local nonprofit that works with building industry professionals in real estate, design, construction and energy efficiency – and an Environmental Plan “steward” responsible for advancing specific actions. EA provides training for professionals and building certifications for new homes, remodels, multifamily and small commercial projects. To date, 16,000 single family homes and 7,000 multifamily units have been certified. EA also conducts research on building best practices, energy rating and market valuation and have created energy scoring programs in 7 states.

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### **Additional 2035 Highlights**

Jason Robertson, advisor to Hillsboro 2035 and the Hillsboro Sustainability Task Force, invited community partners to share early success stories from the 2016-17 implementation year. He then previewed the upcoming Hillsboro 2035 lead partner survey scheduled for issue this spring.

### **OC/HSTF Updates and Comments**

Heather Robinson: Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling is working with local businesses to reduce food waste and donate left over food.

Beth Graser: Sustainability is controversial to some people and groups. While we definitely want to promote sustainability, we should be sensitive to diverse perceptions and avoid being seen as promoting sustainability over people.

Jeff Van Raden: There needs to be a community education component for sustainability.

Carol Brown: There needs to be a balance of all three sections of sustainability (social, economic and environmental) not just environmental – a next step for this group is to determine how we can create and share this message with the broader community.

Heather Robinson suggested the 2035 Plan and Environmental Sustainability Plan be combined and integrated in to one document and asked the group for their thoughts. Hannah liked the idea or at a minimum provide a more comprehensive but easy to understand sustainability section in the 2035 Plan.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **After Hours: 2035 Tap Chat @ Clark's**

Oversight Committee and Task Force members were invited to an optional after hours gathering at Clark's Bistro in Downtown Hillsboro after the meeting.

### **Upcoming 2035 Meetings and Events**

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| • April 20  | OC-Partners Meeting  | Focus Area Spotlight: Economy + Infrastructure |
| • April 23  | Latino Festival      |  |
| • May 1-19  | Partner Survey       |  |
| • June 7    | OC Meeting           | Focus Area Spotlight: Education                |
| • June 13   | Annual Celebration   | <i>OC Member / Partner Support</i>             |
| • July 15   | Celebrate Hillsboro  | <i>OC Member Support</i>                       |
| • August 15 | Council Presentation | <i>OC Member Support</i>                       |